

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 12 , line 20 to line 23 as follows.

--An application layer 816 of a software section 802 changes depending on software to be used. How to transfer data on the interface is defined by a printer or a protocol such as an Audio/Video Control (AV/C) ~~AV/C~~ protocol.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 38, line 15 to line 22 as follows.

--A 1394 serial bus has the following ~~means as~~ means for knowing information (connection topology) of devices connected to the 1394 network to communicate with a device desired by application software.

- (1) A means for reading the topology map register of the bus manager.
- (2) A means for estimating the topology from a self ID packet at the time of bus reset.--